Los Angeles Times Crossword Puzzle

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS ARE IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION

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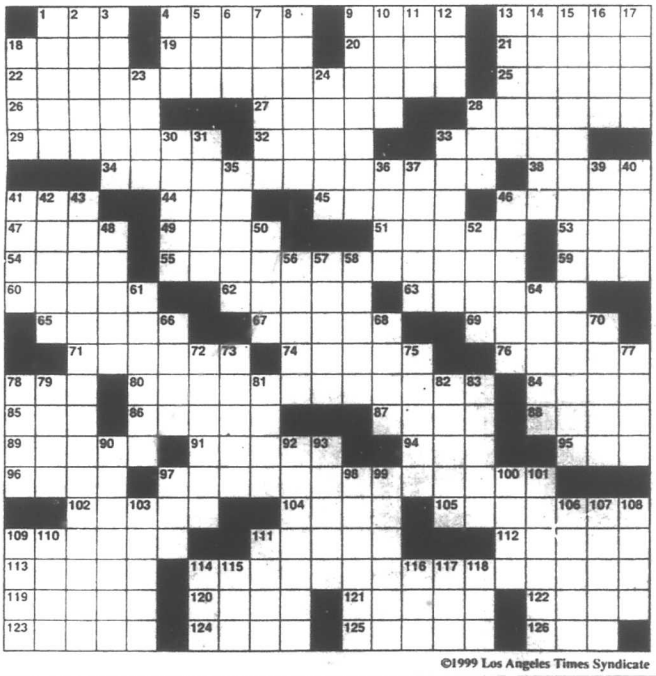
ACROSS

1 Fireproofing prod., now banned
4 Harvests
9 Jacob's twin
13 Remove moisture
18 Actress Chase
19 Dazzling display
20 Papillon's plaint
21 Novelist Zola
22 Over-eaters' regimen
25 Mansard parts
26 Matisse or Rousseau
27 Smallest amount
28 Mariel's grandfather
29 Northern Canadians
32 Actor Ray
33 Take illegally
34 D[illegible]aved marriage syndrome?
38 Kind of spirit
41 Some receipts: Abbr.
44 Code letter
45 Domingo, for one
46 Abe of NYC
47 Chop choice
49 A.k.a. Cupid
51 Weather word
53 Payment
54 Sumptuousness
55 Alternative way to write music?
59 Chic. zone
60 In conflict
62 Sales chart
63 Give a new version of
65 Toss out
67 — a fiddle
69 Ran for office
71 Former newsman Thomas
74 Foch and Simone
76 Cut through
78 Narcissist's problem
80 More flexible way of thinking?
84 Used to be
85 Circle section
86 Midwestern tribe
87 Mob or gang finish
88 Columnist Bombeck
89 Accepted
91 Love birds
94 — Jima
95 Maglie or Mineo
96 Method: Abbr.
97 More weight for 121 Across
102 Couldn't stand
104 Sandy soil
105 Senator from Pennsylvania
109 Katharine of — Henry's first
111 Wispy clouds
112 Anne of many roles
113 Green shade
114 Oversized Stetson?
119 Worship
120 Clinging greenery
121 Singer Ford
122 Fix salad
123 Seamstress
124 Env. notation
125 Starts a hand
126 Visualize

DOWN

1 Burn balms
2 Stinker
3 Peter Pan penner
4 Ask. Abbr
5 Old French coin
6 — mode
7 Series of bets
8 "Remington —"
9 Slum area, say
10 Headquarters
11 Total amount
12 Raises
13 Plow maker
14 Spring from
15 Extra-special shamrocks?
16 Barcelona bravos
17 Adventure story
18 "— Walked Into My Life"
23 Fertile California valley
24 Angry with
28 Biblical ending
30 Witty Nash
31 Puppeteer Lewis
33 Writer of sorts
35 Sandal style
36 Foot part
37 Charlie Chan portrayer
39 Iowa college town
40 Run into
41 Queen of scat
42 Piled-high hairdos
43 Delayed facial growth?
46 Flat hats
48 Kind of surgeon
50 Feudal fieldhand
52 Tumbling cushions
56 Elg of films
57 Of sight
58 Express appreciation
61 SW Oklahoma city
64 Lerner's collaborator
66 Parishioners places
68 Spade and Shepard
70 Skin: Suffix
72 Filthy rich
73 Pataki's backup: Abbr.
75 Kind of strike
77 Genuine
78 Has a bite
79 Gloomy
81 Dream, in Dijon
82 Salamanders
83 Sag
90 Curio cabinet
92 Stir up
93 Pack away
97 Capitol VIP
98 Worked for
99 Einstein for one
100 Megalomaniacal captain of fiction
101 Perfumes
103 Skin lotion
106 Nevada lake
107 Obliterate
108 Informers
109 "Too bad!"
110 Took a bus
111 Copper
114 Senora Peron
115 Illuminated
116 Collection of facts
117 Adjective for Abner
118 Guitarist Paul



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A Woman With Wings

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seductive photo of her in a bikini, taken in her modeling days, appeared as Miss October in a 1989 Gibson Greeting Cards swimsuit calendar. A colleague hung it in the office for everyone to see. (The fact that Finazzo hadn't authorized use of the photo is another story.)

Now at 37, arriving for an interview on her day off in form-fitting T-shirt, stretch pants, and platform sneakers, her long dark wavy hair tossed casually over her shoulders, Finazzo could easily pass for a college homecoming queen hitting the library in stylish grubbies. Her manner, open, warm and ingenuous, is as informal as the sneakers.

Finazzo, married for several years to a fellow pilot but now divorced, has no children but delights in being "Tia Maria" to her 10 nieces and nephews. She has a long-term relationship with Jeff Davis, former stockbroker and now director of sales for Jobs Hawaii.

Hawaiian's newest female captain attributes her determination to her father.

"He was very encouraging of us girls," she says. "He impressed upon us that it was important to find something you love in life and give it your all. In any so-called male profession there are always women who feel they have to be more like a man than a man to succeed, but I was brought up to feel that I can do my job as well as a man without jeopardizing my femininity."

Hawaiian chief pilot Geoffrey Avery, who has known Finazzo since she started working for the company, says he has watched her personal growth and professional development over the years and she has earned her captain's wings.

"The only thing her father could have done was get her in the door," he says. "The rest was up to her. What she's accomplished since she's done on her own and I'm proud of her for that. She was very young and inexperienced when she started. It's to her credit that she has worked hard and done an excellent job of improving her skills."

"All I can say is that Maria was eligible for captain by seniority but promoted by virtue of performance. Had she not performed she would have been bypassed.

"You might be able to pull someone along in the right (co-pilot) seat for a while but being in charge of the airplane requires maturity, judgment and self-confidence. It takes time, experience and a lot of hours in the air to develop that."

She loved flying and the potential earnings were attractive. While an entry-level second-officer position even now pays as little as $15,000 a year, a senior captain for a major carrier, flying a jumbo jet, can earn close to $200,000. Even senior Hawaiian Airlines captains can earn over $100,000.

Still, it was an uphill climb for women to get into the pilot's seat.

According to Aviation Information Resources of Atlanta, which tracks pilot statistics, about 6 percent of the domestic commercial pilots hired in recent years are women. The heaviest concentration (14 percent) is in the so-called "jet regionals," commuter lines that fly smaller jets. Women pilots make up only 5 percent of crews in the 14 largest carriers.

According to AIR, women are hired in about the same proportion of applicants as men, but have been earning their wings for a much shorter time than men. Traditionally 70 to 80 percent of pilots came out of the military services. Since hiring and promotion depends largely on accumulating flying hours and ratings on various aircraft, and civilians have to pay for this training themselves, it takes determination to get qualified.

It worked for Maria Finazzo.

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